

# ARTICLES

OF

Visitation and Enquiry concern-  
ing Matters Ecclesiasticall:

Exhibited

To the Ministers, Church-Wardens, and  
Side-men of every Parish, within the  
Diocesse and Province of *Yorke*.

In the Metropolitick Visitation  
of the Most Reverend Father in God

**ACCEPTED,**

By Divine Providence Lord  
Arch-Bishop of *YORKE*.

Begun in the Year of our Lord God, 1662.

And in the second year of His  
Graces Translation.



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The tenor of the Oath to be admini-  
stred to the Church-wardens  
and Side-men of every  
PARISH.

**Y**OU shall swear to enquire with your best  
Diligence, and to make a true answer  
unto every Article in this Booke now  
given you in charge, and to present every per-  
son now or lately inhabiting within your Pa-  
rish that hath done any Offence, or omitted  
any duty therein mentioned. And this you  
shall do, as in the sight of God, uprightly, and  
truly, without favour or malice, hope of reward  
or fear of displeasure. So help you God.





Articles of Visitation and Enquiry  
within the Diocesse and Province of  
Yorke, *Anno Dom: 1662.*

Titul: I.

*Concerning Churches and Church-yards.*

1.



RE your Parish-Church and Chancell decently kept for Gods honour? Are the Roofs Walls, Pavements, and Windows well repaired? Are the Tenn Commandements, Lords Prayer, and the Creed drawn out in fair Letters, and

the Kings Armes decently set up in convenient places.

2. Have you made Assessments for the reparation of the Church, and other holy uses? And are there any that refuse to pay the proportions assessed on them?

3. Have you a Font of stone decently covered standing towards the lower end of the Church for the administration



stration of Baptisme ? Have you a comely Table placed conveniently in the Church or Chancell for the use of the Lords Supper ? Have you a comely Carpet of silke, or good Stuff for that holy Table, with a fair linnen cloth to spread upon it in the time of administration ? And have you an handsome Cup of silver for the Wine, and a cover of the same to put the bread on ? And have you one or more Flaggons of pewter, or better Mettall for that use ?

4. Are your Reading Deske, and Pulpit conveniently Set up, and placed for the use of publique Prayer and Sermon ? And hath your Pulpit a Cushion, and Covering before it.

5. Have you in your Church the Common-prayer Book, of the largest volume, lately set forth by Publique Authority ; as also the Bookes of Divine Service for the fift of *November*, the thirtieth of *January*, the twenty ninth of *May* ? And have you the Bible in Folio, fairly bound, of King *JAMES* Translation, a booke of Homilies, and a booke of Canons ? Have you also a decent Surplice, one or more for your Parson, Vicar, Curate, or Lecturer to wear in the time of publique Ministration.

6. Are your Tombes, Monuments, Grave-stones of the dead in your Church or Church-yard preserved, and not suffered to be broken, taken down, or removed ?

7. Have you a booke of parchment wherein be Registered the Christnings, Marriages, and Burialls in your Parish ? Have you a strong Chest with three Lockes wherein

wherein to preserve your Church-furniture, and a Boxe for Almes conveniently placed) for the relief of the poor?

8. Are the House and out-houses of your Minister in good and sufficient repair? Doth he preserve the Gardens, Orchards, & Gleabe belonging to him without selling, waisting, changing or any way dammifying them?

9. Is the Church-yard decently kept, and well fenced to keep out Swine, and other noysome Cattell: and no Enchroachments made thereupon by building or otherwise?



*Titul: II.*

## Inquiries about the Parson, Vicar, Curate, Lecturer.

**H**Ave the above-named received Episcopall Ordination, according to the Lawes of the Kingdome?

2. Can you tell who did present your Parson or Vicar to his Benefice? Have you heard or known that he came in Symoniacally? Was he Inducted to his Benefice before sufficient Witnesses? And did he read the (39) Articles at Morning or Evening Prayer? And did he give his consent to them?

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3. Doth he read the Booke of Common-prayer, (if he be Resident, and in sound health) at Morning, and Evening service, on Sundayes, and holy dayes? And doth he wear the Surplice while he performes that Office, or other Offices mentioned in the Common prayer Booke? and doth he bid in time of divine Service upon Sundayes, such holy dayes appointed by the Church, as shall happen the weeke following?

4. Doth he preach a Sermon every Sunday, or procure a Sermon then to be preached; or else sometimes read one of the Homilies which the Church hath appointed? And doth he often on Sundayes, and holy-dayes before Divine Service instruct his Parishioners in the Catechisme of the Church?

5. Doth he read the Service appointed for the (5th.) of November, (30th.) of January, (29th.) of May? And doth he keep yearly Perambulations, and Rogation dayes before the Feast of our Lords Ascension?

6. If your Parson or Vicar keep a Curate; Is he of a Godly life, and sufficient Learning? Is he allowed by the Bishop, and can you tell whether the said Curate have a competent allowance according to the value of the Living?

7. Doth your Parish maintain a Lecturer? Is he a Virtuous & Orthodox Divine? Is he licensed by the Bishop? Doth he read the whole Divine Service of Common-prayer, once a moneth at the least, wearing a Surplice



8. Doe you observe to your best understanding that your Parson, Vicar, Lecturer, Curate doe preach the true word of God? Or do they to your judgement having consulted with other grave Paritioners, vent dangerous opinions, derogating from the glory of God, and a pious life? Do they teach sedition directly against his Majestie, his Lawes, and Government, or do you note that indirectly they cast out seditious Glances against the Civil State, or Government Ecclesiasticall.

9. Doth your Minister celebrate the Lords Supper in the Church, according to the Service of the Common-prayer Book, often every year? Doth he repell them from it that are scandalous by the sentence of the Lawes? Doth he baptize such Infants of his parish according to the Service of the Common-prayer, as upon warning given before, are brought on Sundayes or holy dayes to the Church, with Godfathers and Godmothers? And upon lawfull Summons doth he Baptize Infants at home in case of danger and necessity, and not otherwise.

10. Doth he visit the Sick at their houses when he is required upon lawfull Summons? doth he pray with them, Exhort them to faith and Repentance, and Comfort them? Doth he give them the holy Communion, professing faith in Christ, and sorrow for their sinns if they require it? And doth he exhort them to Brotherly Love, and Workes of Charity, if they be able to bequeath a Portion to pious uses.

11. Doth he prepare the younge Men & Maidens of the Parish to be confirmed by the Bishop? Doth he marry none Clandestinely? but at due Houres in the church.

Church ; and that upon Banes thrice published on Sundayes or holy dayes, or license obtained from the Bishop or Ordinary : And doth he bury the dead accordidg to the Booke of Common-prayer.

12. Is your Minister, Lecturer, Curate, a Man of sober, Chast, just, unblameable life ? Doth he use Canonically, Modest, and decent Apparrell, according to his abilitie ? And doth he preach in his Gowne ? And spare not to present him, or them, that are not every way Examples of Godlinesse ?

13. Doth your Minister, with the Church-wardens take care duly every yeare to send in the Names of all such in his Parish as have been baptized, Married, and buried, that they may be inrolled in the Bishops Registry ? And have you a Terrier of all the Glebe-lands and other Possessions belonging to your Church, to be preserved in the said Registry ?

14. Doth your Minister maintain peace with his Neighbours, and study to keep them in peace as much as in him lyes ? Doth he take diligent care to reduce all Sectaries, Separatists, and Refractorie persons to the obedience of the Doctrine & Government of this Church ? And doth he offer himselfe (being an able learned man) to conferre with Popish Recusants, to convert them, and to bring them into the Bosome of this Church ?

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*Titul: III.*

## Inquiries about the Parishioners.

**D**O all your Parishioners of due Age resort to the Divine Service and Sermons in your Church, on Sundayes and Holy-dayes, and Wednesday and Friday morning if conveniently they can ?

2. Do they or any of their Servants occupy themselves in bodily labour on Sundayes or Holy-dayes ? Do they open their Shoppes, or sell any Wares on those dayes ? Do Vintners, Victuallers, Inn-keepers, or others receive any into their houses to tipple, and waste time idely on those dayes ; Except they be Travellers that are upon a journey in necessary occasions

3. Do your Parishioners the time of Divine Service, Sermon, or Homily, behave themselves Reverently Men and Youthes, with their Hatts off, both Sexes giving due attention ; None disturbing holy duties by talking, walking, removing, going out, or giving any other offence ? And do they all kneel, stand up, make answer in time of Divine Service, as you find it appointed in the Rubrique of the Common-prayer-book ?

4. Such as may be discerned to be Papists, Hæreticks, Schismaticks, Anabaptists, Seperatists, Quakers, that refuse

fulse to come to the publique Assemblies, Prayers, or Service of the Church, are to be presented.

5. Such are to be presented as are known, or much suspected to be incestuous, or married within incestuous and prohibited Degrees of blood; Likewise you ought to present known Adulterers, fornicators, Blasphemers, common-swearers, Drunkards, Sorcerers, or resorters to sorcerers.

6. Are there any above the Age of 16 years in your Parish and especially that have been examined by your Minister in the Catechisme before, that do not come to the Lords Supper, to partake of it reverently upon their knees, three times every year at the least: the Feast of Easter or the time thereabout being one?

7. Are there any in your Parish that keep their children unbaptized? Enquire diligently, and returne their Parents and Governours Names, and the List of those Children by such Names as you can learne.

8. Do all Women that have been safely delivered come to Church in due time to partake of the office of thanksgiving, after the Order of Common-prayer.

9. Do your Parishioners bring their dead to be decently buried, after the Service of the Church, in their own Church or Church-yard? Or if they carry the dead away to be Interred in some other place, whether they be Lodgers, or other strangers: do they first obtain leave of the Minister of the Parish: and have they his Certificate?

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10. Do any of your Parish usually frequent other Parish-Churches, and absent themselves from their own? present their Names.

11. Are there any that keep private Conventicles in their houses, or abroad, which are resorted unto by those that are known or suspected for sectaries, or any way disaffected to the present Church of England.

12. Are there any Wills or Testaments of persons dead in your Parish, that are not proved before a lawfull Judge? Or do you know, or hear of any Goods administred without due grant from the Ordinary.

13. Whether hath your Chancellor, Commissary, Arch-deacon, Official, or any other Judge of any peculiar Jurisdiction, since the 10th. of June last past, proved any Wills, or Testaments: excommunicated, or absolved any person: or for any crimes or offences committed since the 24th. of June, 1660. commuted any corporall punishment for any summe of money, and how much money: or since the said time, enjoyned any penance within their said peculiar Jurisdiction, the same being derogatory to this his Graces Visitation. declare their names and what you know herein.

14. How many Lycenses for Marriages have been granted into your Parish and by whom, and what be the names of them that hath been marryed by vertue of any such Lycense, and by what Minister?



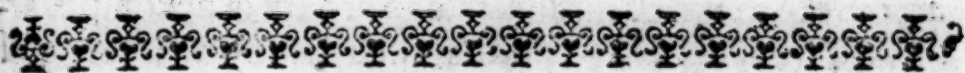
15. Have any within your parish since the said 24<sup>th</sup> of 16 June, 60. been married without Banes thrice asked, or lawfull Lycense obtained? What Marriages have been solemnized out of your Church, or at unlawfull houres? speak what you know herein.

16. Whether any Almes-house, Hospitall, Schoole or Spittle within your Parish bee well and godly used, according to the foundation and true intent of the Founders thereof? And whether any pension; or stipend due to any of them be detained, and by whom?

17. What Legacies have been given to pious uses in your Parish which are withheld, or not imployed to the right use, according to the will of the Donor.

18. Are your Seats & Pewes in the Church decently Kept? And are the Parishioners placed in them without offence, and contention.

**Inquiries**



*Titul: IV.*

## Inquiries about Church-Officers, and other Persons.

1. **D**Oe your Parish-Clarke & Sexton (if you have such an one) doe their Duties obediently, and Diligently? Are they of honest life and conversation? Is your Parish-Clarke duly chosen by the Minister? And is he allowed by the ordinary? Can he write and read? Doth he make Responses to the Hymnes and other suffrages of the Litturgy?

2. Is there a Schoole publique or private in the parish? Is the Schoole-master (and his Usher, if he have one) allowed by the Bishop or his Chancellor? Doth he breed his Schollers religiously? And doth he teach them the Church Chatechisme?

3. Have you any Physitian, Chyrurgion, or Mid-wife in your Parish that practice without License?

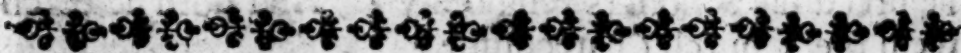
4. Are your Church-Wardens duely chosen in the week after Easter-day, and after the custome and manner of the Parish.

5. Have the Church-Wardens who are to surrender their places upon the election of new ones, given up their accomps

accounts to the Parishioners, and are their accounts allowed, or have they falsified their trust; wherein and in how much?

6. Also have your Church-Wardens been diligent to repair the Church to keep it decent & comely? Have they preserved the Font for Baptisme fit & handsome for that use? Likewise have they look't carefully to the Communion Table, to the Plate, and all Utensils pertaining to it. And have they provided such fine white Bread & good Wine as was fit for the Sacrament, according to advice taken with the Minister.

Let the Church-Wardens and Side-men enquire diligently what answers they will, and can, give to all these particulers, upon Oath, setting the fear of God, and the good of his Church before their Eyes.



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